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[¶](#)1. (U) Post delivered Diplomatic Note number 0572, formally announcing the United States' candidacy for the UN Human Rights Council (HRC), and a copy of the United States' "Human Rights Commitments and Pledges" to Assistant Director Leila Lorasantos of the Office of United Nations and International Organizations of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA). Assistant Director Lorasantos said she and her staff were preparing to leave for Geneva and therefore could not give an immediate response to our request for Philippine support of the U.S. candidate in the May 12 HRC election. She indicated that she would forward the diplomatic note to the senior levels in the DFA, where it would receive careful consideration. Post will follow up on this demarche with Assistant Director Lorasantos when she returns from Geneva April 27.

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